

Project Name:

911 Center and Radio Equipment for Glacier County law enforcement

Recipient:

Glacier County, MT

Address:

512 East Main Cut Bank, MT 59427

Amount Requested:

\$1,017,000

Project Description:

The Glacier County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center works with federal, Tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in the area. They hold Federal detainees as well as detainees from surrounding towns. The Sheriff's Office works daily with Blackfeet Tribal Law Enforcement Services to provide law enforcement for the County and the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, which recently declared a State of Emergency due to the worsening fentanyl crisis. The current 911 emergency system for the region is powered by personal computers and borrowed equipment. Vehicle and handheld radios used by the Sheriff's Office are nearly twenty years old and outdated. The requested funds are planned to be allocated to: 2 Dispatch Center consoles (\$650,000.00); 2 Base Radios (\$29,000) 20 Vehicle and 26 Handheld radios (\$338,000.00).

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2601

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
House Appropriations Committee
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Glacier County Law Enforcement 911 Center and Radio Equipment Project

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Glacier County Law Enforcement 911 Center and Radio Equipment Project in Fiscal Year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Glacier County Sheriff's Office, located at 28 6th Ave S.E., Cut Bank, MT 59427.

The funding would be used for the purchase of two Dispatch Center consoles, two Base Radios, twenty vehicle and twenty-six handheld radios. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Glacier County Sheriff's Office and Detention Center works with federal, Tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in the area. They hold Federal detainees as well as detainees from the City of Cut Bank. The Sheriff's Office works daily with Blackfeet Tribal Law Enforcement Services to provide Law Enforcement for the County and the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, which recently declared a State of Emergency due to the worsening fentanyl crisis. The current 911 emergency system for the region is powered by personal computers and borrowed equipment. The vehicles and handheld radios used by the Sheriff's Office are nearly twenty years old and outdated.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 0381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Ryan K. Zinke

Ryan Zinke

Member of Congress